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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,328,711
AB United States Patent No. 6,242,472
AC United States Patent No. 6,183,418
AD United States Patent No. 6,095,966
AE United States Patent No. 6,020,307
AF United States Patent No. 5,985,307
AG United States Patent No. 5,800,392
AH United States Patent No. 5,487,383
AI United States Patent No. 4,624,261
AJ United States Patent No. 4,417,576

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AE was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present application, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of this Reference.

References AA, AB, AH and AJ were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office in connection with the counterpart European Application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

References AC, AD, AF, AG and AI were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office in connection with the counterpart Swedish Application. A copy of the Swedish Search Report also is submitted herewith.

Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

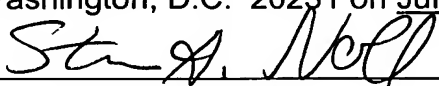
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